

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2006**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened at the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York, at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. William Thomas presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Haskell.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Gabriels, Monroe, Girard, Sheehan, Mason, O'Connor, Kenny, Belden, Bentley, W. Thomas, Tessier, Merlino, Stec, Caimano, Champagne, VanNess, Sokol, F. Thomas, Haskell, and Geraghty - 20.

Motion was made by Mr. Belden, seconded by Mr. Tessier and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2006 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk.

Chairman Thomas requested an executive session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of a particular person.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Mason and carried unanimously that executive session be declared pursuant to Section 105 (f) of the Public Officers Law.

Executive session was declared from 10:02 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.

Board reconvened.

Mr. Haskell left the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Chairman Thomas announced no action was taken pursuant to the executive session.

Chairman Thomas declared the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 12 of 2006 open at 10:26 a.m. and requested the Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Clerk read Notice of Public Hearing.

Chairman Thomas declared the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2006 open at 10:28 a.m. and requested the Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Clerk read Notice of Public Hearing.

Chairman Thomas declared the Public Hearing on proposed Sewer District Assessment Roll open at 10:30 a.m. and requested the Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Clerk read Notice of Public Hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak, Chairman Thomas declared the public hearings on Local Law No. 12 of 2006, Local Law 13 of 2006 and the proposed Sewer District Assessment Roll closed at 10:35 a.m.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Supervisor VanNess, who presented Robert Moon with a Certificate of Appreciation for forty-six years of dedicated service with the Warren County Fire Prevention and Control Department. The board responded with applause. Mr. Moon thanked everyone. Sheriff Cleveland presented Mr. Moon with a plaque as well acknowledging his dedicated years of service to Warren County.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Supervisor Belden, who presented John Little with a Certificate of Appreciation for twenty years of dedicated service to the Department of Public Works. The board responded with applause. Mr. Little thanked everyone and said it had been a pleasure working for the DPW.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Supervisor Tessier, who presented James Artibee with a Certificate of Appreciation for thirty-one years of dedicated service to the Department of Public Works. The board responded with applause. Marshall Stevens, Airport Manager, acknowledged that nearly all of Mr. Artibee's thirty-one years of service were performed at the Airport and he would be truly missed. Mr. Artibee thanked everyone and noted it had been a pleasure to work for Warren County. The board responded with applause again.

Chairman Thomas introduced Matthew Sokol, newly elected County Supervisor at-large representing the Town of Queensbury. Chairman Thomas welcomed Mr. Sokol to the board. The board responded with applause.

Chairman Thomas announced that the LDC (Local Development Corporation) meeting scheduled for today had been cancelled. He also noted that there would be a Special Board Meeting scheduled before the end of the year to continue discussions regarding the new Health and Human Services building.

Mr. Caimano apprised that the board members had just received an additional sixty-one resolutions with their packets that they had not had a chance to review. He suggested to table those resolutions until the Special Board Meeting. Mr. Kenny agreed and stated it would be an injustice to the constituents that he represented to vote on those resolutions without reading them first.

Clerk noted Resolution Nos. 747, 748, 861, 862, 866, 867 and 868 needed to be voted on today due to the nature of those resolutions.

Due to the lengthy agenda, Chairman Thomas waived committee reports for December. However, he extended privilege of the floor to any Supervisors wishing to report on a specific committee item.

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Chairman Thomas declared the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2007 open at 10:45 a.m. and requested the Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Clerk read Notice of Public Hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak, Chairman Thomas declared the public hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2007 closed at 10:47 a.m.

Mr. Caimano introduced a resolution awarding bid and authorizing agreement with Sawchuck, Brown Associates for Public Relations Services for the Tourism Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Caimano, seconded by Mr. Tessier and carried unanimously to waive the rules requiring the proposed resolution to be in writing and approve the resolution. (Please note: This will be Resolution No. 871 of 2006.)

Following a number of questions regarding resolutions, Chairman Thomas clarified that the board would vote on Resolution Nos. 747 through 810, as well as Nos. 861, 862, 866, 867, 868 and 871. He added that a tabling motion was required for those resolutions that would not be voted on today.

Motion was made by Mr. Caimano, seconded by Mr. Stec and carried unanimously to table Resolution Nos. 811 through 860, as well as Nos. 863, 864, 865, 869 and 870.

Chairman Thomas reiterated that Resolution Nos. 811 through 860, as well as Nos. 863, 864, 865, 869 and 870 were tabled.

Chairman called for reading of communications.

Clerk read communications, including the following:

Minutes from:

- Warren County Traffic Safety Board;
- Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District;
- Inter-County Solid Waste Coordinating Committee;
- Warren County Planning Board;
- Mental Health Sub-Committee;
- Town of Queensbury Planning Board;
- Warren & Washington Counties' Children & Youth Sub-Committee;
- Warren & Washington Counties' Industrial Development Agency.

Monthly Reports from:

- Probation;
- Veterinarian;
- Weights & Measures.

Annual Reports from:

County of Warren;
Adirondack Park Agency;
Adirondack Community College;
Cornell Cooperative Extension;
The Fund for Lake George.

University of California - Brochure detailing transportation research at the University of California.

New York State Emergency Management Office - letter explaining pre-disaster mitigation (PDM) FY 2007 Competitive Grant Program.

Nassau County Legislature - regarding a recent meeting to discuss possible adoption of a regional cigarette tax.

New York State Department of Transportation - letter announcing the availability of "Strategies for a New Age: New York State's Transportation Master Plan for 2030".

Rensselaer County Legislature - their Resolution No. P/593/06 "Resolution Urging the Federal Government to Change the Threshold on the Tax Placed on Social Security Income".

Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corp. - letter regarding possible changes to the OTB structure by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of Racing.

Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corp. - Financial Reports dated August 31, 2006 and September 30, 2006.

State of New York Executive Chamber - Announcing an award of \$60,000 to District Attorney's IMPACT Tools grant funds.

The Lake George Association, Inc. - Copy of the November/December 2006 LGA News.

Warren County Board of Elections - Certified copy of the Statement of Canvass.

Fitzgerald, Morris, Baker, Firth P.C. Attorneys and Counselors - Notice of adoption of the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency 2007 revised Budget and a copy thereof.

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation - Master Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Moreau Lake State Park.

Town of Queensbury - December 2006 Zoning Board of Appeals Agenda.

Nassau County Legislature - Advising of a meeting on December 11, 2006 with respect to continued efforts to raise interest in exploring the possibility of a regional cigarette tax.

New York State Department of Civil Service - A copy of the Empire Plan Quarterly Experience Report.

Deanne Rehm, Assessor for the Town of Lake Luzerne - Memo regarding the County Budget and a historic perspective and comparison.

New York State Department of Health - Notifying that in review of the A-133 Audit Report received for the year ending 12/31/05, the Department released all suspended payments.

Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart & Rhodes, P.C. Attorneys at Law - Announcing Notice of Public Hearing with respect to the Town of Moreau's Local Law No. 3 of 2006 which includes revisions to their zoning laws.

Governor's Office for Small Cities - Small Cities Project Number: 1197ME114-06; approval of request for release of funds.

New York State Senate - acknowledging receipt of Resolution Nos. 659, 660 and 663.

Lisa LaMothe - Letter expressing her gratitude to Capital Financial for their assistance with a medical problem.

Letter announcing the retirement of Marjorie Swan, Warren County Historian, effective January 19, 2007.

Mr. Mason announced the importance of recognizing the departments within Warren County that continuously do outstanding work. He referred to a letter of accolade on behalf of the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District which he distributed to the board members, a copy of which is on file with the minutes.

Mr. Belden suggested that a Certificate of Appreciation or a plaque be presented to Marjorie Swan in recognition of her dedicated years of service to Warren County.

Mr. Monroe expounded that at the Finance Committee meeting held on December 6, 2006, there was a great deal of discussion regarding the Office of Children and Family Services imposing the retroactive charge for the State Training Schools. He said that the Committee was vehemently opposed to paying the bill because it was not proper for an administrative agency of the State, without Legislative authority, to try to retroactively collect four years of an increased rate.

Communications, resolutions and reports ordered placed on file.

Chairman called for reading of resolutions and discussion.

Mr. Girard requested a roll call vote on Resolution No. 768, Authorizing Agreement Continuing Contractual Relationship with Lori A. Girard for Dietician Services at the Westmount Health Facility.

Mr. Kenny requested a roll call vote on Resolution No. 802, Authorizing Acquisition of Railroad Tracks and any Available Property Interests by Warren County Singularly or Together with Essex County, Hamilton County and Barton Mines for a Purchase Price of \$205,000 - County Facilities.

Mrs. Sady reported that Resolution Nos. 747 through 810 were mailed and a motion was necessary to bring those resolutions to the floor. Motion was made by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Belden, and carried unanimously to bring Resolution Nos. 747 through 810 to the floor.

Mrs. Sady noted that Resolution Nos. 793 and 808 were mailed and subsequently corrected, and a motion was needed to amend as follows: Resolution No. 793, correcting the 2007 Benefit Tax Roll and Resolution No. 808, correcting the dollar amount of grant funds. Motion was made by Mr. Stec, seconded by Mr. Mason, and carried unanimously to correct Resolution Nos. 793 and 808 as stated.

Mrs. Sady added that a motion was necessary to bring Resolution Nos. 861, 862, 866, 867, 868 and 871 to the floor. Motion was made by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mr. VanNess and carried unanimously to bring Resolution Nos. 861, 862, 866, 867, 868 and 871 to the floor.

Chairman Thomas called for a vote on the resolutions.

Resolution Nos. 747 through 810 and 861, 862, 866, 867, 868 and 871 were approved.

Chairman Thomas recognized LeRoy Akins, Mayor of the City of Glens Falls, was present and welcomed him to the meeting. Mayor Akins stated on behalf of the City of Glens Falls, he wished all the County Supervisors a very happy holiday season. He also thanked the Chairman and Mr. Stec for all of the help they had given to Glens Falls this past year and looked forward to 2007 and continuing that relationship.

Mr. Caimano announced that immediately following the meeting there would be a Christmas luncheon in the Clerk of the Board/Administrative Office for the Supervisors and staff.

Mr. Belden congratulated Chairman Thomas on his recent appointment to the

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Adirondack Park Agency (APA) Board and said he knew he would do a good job representing Warren County.

Mr. O'Connor reminded the board that the Municipal Shared Services Committee would be meeting on Monday, December 18, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. and he encouraged all Supervisors to attend.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Geraghty and seconded by Mr. Merlino, Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.